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SUBJ: MANITOBA -- NORTH DAKOTA MEETING ON GARRISON

1. AT INVITATION OF NORTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR LINK AND STATE LEGISLATURE, MANITOBA PREMIER SCHREYER, CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION LEADER LYON AND 6 OTHER MLA S MET AT INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDENS (ON MMANITOBA-NORTH DAKOTA BORDER) MARCH 3 TO DISCUSS GARRISON PROJECT. GOV LINK APPARENTLY HOPED TO WOO SCHREYER ET AL TO SUPPORT GARRISON. WHILE WELCOMING DIALOGUE WITH U.S. NEIGHBORS, SCHREYER NOT SURPRISINGLY DEMURRED IN FAVOR OF AWAITING RESULTS OF IJC REPORT.

2. EARLY TV REPORTS SAID MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED AND EVERYTHING WAS CORDIAL, BUT PURPOSE SEEMED UNCLEAR, ESPECIALLY SINCE POSITIONS ON BOTH SIDES ARE SO CLEARLY DEFINED.

3. IN PREPARATION FOR MEETING DAY BEFORE, MANITOBA LEGISLATURE HAD DEBATED A LIBERAL-PARTY RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CONTINUED DEMANDS ON AMERICAN AUTHORITIES FOR DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION OF GARRISON, AND FORMATION OF TASK FORCE TO HEIGHTEN AWARENESS OF COMMUNITIES, INDUSTRIES AND CITIZENS ABOUT DANGERS OF PROJECT. NO VOTE WAS TAKEN ON RESOLUTION BUT IT APPEARED TO HAVE GENERAL SUPPORT OF ALL THREE PARTIES.

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4. SAMPLE COMMENTS FROM DEBATE:

-- LIBERAL MLA: I THINK THE PREMIER SHOULD MAKE IT VERY CLEAR WE AREN T INTERESTED IN COMPENSATION, IN BEING PAID LUMP SUMS OR BEING PAID FOR FUTURE DAMAGES. WE ARE INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING A PURE AND CLEAN WATER SYSTEM.

-- NDP MINISTER: THERE SHOULD BE NO WAVERING ON THIS ISSUE. WE SHOULD NOT BE TALKING ABOUT COMPENSATION.

-- P-C MLA MANITOBA SHOULD REFUSE TO ACCEPT ANY NEW WATER REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT HAD BEEN CLEANED. AND MANITOBA IS PROBABLY PUTTING TOO MUCH FAITH IN WHAT IJC CAN DO. CARTER S GARRISON HALL HAD CREATED A KIND OF EUPHORIA, BUT A STRONG LOBBY COULD MAKE PRESIDENT S ACTION INEFFECTIVE. HUTSON

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